PLAINE MANS

Path-way to Heauen.

Wherein euery man may clearely see, whether he shall be saued or damned.

Set forth Dialogue-wise, for the beter vnderstanding of the simple.

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The eight Impression.

Corrected and amended, with a Table of all *the principall matters: and three Praiers necessarie to be vsed in priuate families, hereunto added.*

Euery morning the Lord bringeth his iudgement to light, he faileth not: but the wicked wil not learne to be ashamed, Zeph. 3. 5.

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¶ A Morning prayer, to be vsed in *priuate families.*

O Lord our God, and heauenly Father, we thy vnworthy children doe here come in to thy most holy & heauenly presence to giue thee praise, & glory, for all thy great mercies and manifold blessings towardes vs: especially for that thou hast preserued vs this night past from all the dangers and feares therof, hast giuen vs quiet rest to our bodies, and brought vs now safely to the beginning of this day, and doest now afresh renew all thy mercies vpon vs, as the Eagle reneweth her bill, giuing vs all things abundantly to enioy: as food, raiment, health, peace, libertie, and freedome from many miseries, diseases, casualties, and calamities which wee are subiect vnto in this life euery minute of an houre: and not only so, but also for bouchsafing vnto vs many good things, not only for necessitie, but euen for delight also. But aboue all (deare Father) we praise thy name for the blessings of a better life, specially for thy most holy word and sacraments, & all the good we enioy thereby: for the continuance of the Gospel

amongst vs: for the death of thy sonne & all that happinesse which we haue thereby. Also because thou hast chosē vs to life before we were, & that of thy meere goodnesse, & undeserued fauour towards vs, & hast called vs in thine appointed time, iustified vs by thy grace, sanctified vs by thy spirit, & adopted vs to be thine owne children, & heires apparant to the great crowne. O Lord open our eies euery day more & more, to see & consider of thy great & marueilous loue to vs in al these things: that by the due consideration thereof, our harts may be drawne yet nearer vnto thee, euen more to loue thee, feare thee, and obey thee: that as thou art enlarged towards vs in mercy, so we may be enlarged towards thee in thanksgiuing: & as thou doest abound towards vs in goodnes, so we may abound towards thee in obedience & loue. And sith (deare father) thou art neuer weary of doing vs good, notwithstanding all our vnthorthines & naughtines: therefore let the consideration of thy great mercy, & fatherly kindnes towards vs, euen as it were force our harts, & compel vs to come into thy most glorious presence with newe songs of thanksgiuing in our mouths. We pray thee (O most mercifull God) to forgiue vs al our vnthankfulnes, vnkindnes, prophannes, & great abusing of al thy mercies: & specially our abuse & contempt of thy Gospel, together w al other y sins of our life, which

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wee confesse are innumerable & more then can be reckoned vp, both in omission of good things and commission of euil. We most humbly intreat thee to let them alone vnto ỳ reckoning with thy sonne Christ hath made vp for them vpon his crosse, & neuer to lay any of them to our charge, but freely forget all, and forgiue all: Naile downe al our sinnes & iniquities to the Crosse of Christ, bury them in his death, bathe them in his blood, hide them in his woundes, let thē neuer rise vp in iudgment against vs. Set vs free of ỳ miseries that are vpon vs for sin, & kéep back the iudgments to come, both of soule, body, goods, & good name. Be reconciled vnto vs in thy déere son, concerning all matters past, not once remembring or repeating vnto vs our olde & abhominable iniquities: but accept vs as righteous in him, imputing his righteousnes to vs, and our sins to him, Let his righteousnes satisfie thy iustice for all our vnrighteousnes, his obedience for our disobedience, his perfection for our imperfection. Moreouer, we humbly beseech thy good maiestie to giue vs ỳ true sight & feeling of our manifold sins, that we may not be blinded in thē through delight, or hardned in them through custome, as the reprobates are: but ỳ we may be euen wearie of them, & much grieued for them, labouring and sturring by all possible meanes to get out of them. God Father touch our harts with

true repentance for all sinne. Let vs not take any delight or pleasure in any sin: but howsoeuer wee fal through frailtie (as we fal often) yet let vs neuer fall finallie, let vs neuer lie downe in sinne, nor continue in sinne: but let vs get vpon our feete againe, and turne to thee with all our hartes, and seeke thee whilest thou maiest bee found, and whilest thou doest offer grace and mercie vnto vs. O Lord encrease in vs that true and liuely faith whereby we may lay sure hold on thy sonne Christ, and rest vpon his merits altogether. Giue vs faith assuredly to beleeue all the great and precious promises made in the Gospel, and strengthen vs from aboue to walke and abound in al the true & sound fruites of Faith. Let vs walke not after the flesh, but after the spirite. Let vs feele the power of thy sonnes death killing sinne in our mortal bodies, and the power of his resurrection, raising vs vp to newnesse of life. Let vs growe daily in the sanctification of the spirit, and the mortification of the flesh. Let vs liue holily, iustly, and soberly in this present euil world, shewing forth the vertues of thee in all our particular actions, that wee may adorne our most holy profession, and shine as lights in the middest of a crooked, & frowarde generation amongst whom we liue, being gainefull to al by our liues & conuersation, and offensiue to none. To this end we pray thee

fill vs with thy spirit and all spiritual graces: as loue, wisedome, patience, contentment, meekenesse, humilitie, temperancie, chastitie, kindnes, and affabilitie, & stirre vs vp to the prayer and watchfulnesse, reading & meditation in thy law, and all other good meanes whereby wee may grow and abound in al heauenly vertues. Blesse vs in the vse of the meanes, from day to day: make vs such as thou wouldest haue vs to bee, and such as we desire to be, working in vs both will and deede, purpose and power. For thou, O Lord, art all in all, thou wilt haue mercie vpon whom thou wilt haue mercie, and whom thou wilt thou hardenest. Haue mercie vpon vs therfore (deere Father) and neuer leaue vs to our selues, nor to our owne wils, lusts, and desires, but assist vs with thy good spirit, that wee may continue to the end in a righteous course: that so at length we may be receiued into glorie, and be partakers of that immortal crowne which thou hast laid vp for all that loue thee, and truly call vpon thee.

Further, we entreat thee, O heauenly father, to giue vs all things necessarie for this life: as foode, raiment, health, peace, libertie, and such freedome from those manifold miseries which lie open vnto euery day, as thou seest meete. Blesse vnto vs al the meanes which thou hast put into our handes for the sustenance of this

fraile life. Bleſſe our flocke, and floze, corne, and cattel, trades and occupations, & al the workes of our hands: for thy bleſſing only maketh rich, and it bringeth no ſorrows with it. Giue vs therfore ſuch a competencie and ſufficiencie of theſe outward bleſſings, as thou in thy heauenly wiſedome ſeeſt moſt néedful for vs. Moreouer, we humbly beſeech thée, (moſt louing Father) in great mercie to loke downe from heauen vpon thy whole Church, and euery member of it. Be fauourable vnto Sion, and build vp the wales of Ieruſalē. Behold with the eye of pittie, the great ruines, and deſolations of thy Church. Heale vp the wounds, and make vp the breaches thereof in al Nations. Regard it as thine owne flocke, tender it as thine owne family, dreſſe it as thine owne vineyard, loue it as thine owne ſpouſe. Think thoughts of peace to it, and alwaies loke vpon it in déepe compaſſion. Bleſſe it with thy grace, guide it with thy ſpirit, & defend it alwaies with thy mighty power: ſcatter the deuiſes, confound the counſels & ouerthrowe the forces of al that fight againſt it. Specially wée intreate thée (deare Father) to ſet thy ſelfe againſt that Antichriſt of Rome, that man of perdition, which ſetteth himſelfe againſt thée, and againſt all thy people. In thine appointed time wée pray thée giue him a deadly downe-fal. Beat downe al his power & authoritie daily more & more: giue

free passage to thy Gospel in al kingdoms, that Babilon may fal and never rise vp againe. The more the fauorites and adherents of Rome labour to vphold their Idolatrous kingdome, the more let it fal downe, euen as Dagon before the presence of thine Arke. Poure downe the vials of the fulnesse of thy wrath vpon the kingdome of the beast, and let their riches, wealth, credits, and authoritie drie vp euery day more and more, as the riuer Euphrates. Let it pitie thée, O Father, to sée thine owne spouse sit as a deformed and forlorne woman here belowe, weeping and mourning with her haire about her necke, hauing lost all her beautie and comelinesse: chéere her vp (deare Father) glad her with the ioye of thy countenance, and so decke her, and trimme her vp, that thou mayest delight in her, as a Bridegroome in his Bride. Specially wée intreate thée to haue mercie vpon thy Church in this land: intend good vnto vs, and not euil: giue vs not ouer into the hands of the cruel Spaniard, as our sinnes haue deserued. Scatter wée pray thée, O Lord, the deuises, and breake the plots of all such as haue plotted the ouerthrow and vtter subuersion of this Church, and common-wealth. Bleſſe this Church more and more, with the continuance of true Religion amongst vs. For thy great names sake, and infinite mercies sake, deale gratiously and

fauorably with vs, & our posteritie. Turne from vs that vengeance which is due to vs for our sins. For thou seest how iniquitie preuaileth and the wicked goe away with the goale, Atheisme ouerspreadeth euery where, and Popetie seemeth to get a head againe. Now therefore (deare father) we most humbly beseech thee to take order speedily for the remedying and redressing of these manifolde disorders, and grieuous enormities that are amongst vs. Be intreated of thy poore children to bee good to this English Nation. Heare the cries of thine elect: heare the mourning of them that mourne in Sion. Let the cries of thy children cry downe all the cries of the sins of the Land, & be reconciled vnto vs in the multitude of thy compassions: that so thou maist still continue a most mercifull protector of this thine English vineyard. We pray thee (good Father) showe special mercie to our most noble and gracious King *James* thine annointed seruant: blesse him, and keepe him in all his waies. Blesse his gouernment vnto vs. Let thine Angels encampe about him, & let thy holy hand be allwaies ouer him, keepe him from treasons, & deliuer him from the treacheries of his enemies, giue him to see what belongeth vnto his peace, & giue him a heart earnestly bent to set vpon the practise of the same: giue him all graces necessarie for his place, and necessarie for his

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saluation, continue his gouernment peaceable, & prosperous amongst vs: & as thou hast made him the breath of our nostrils, and a gratious instrument for the saning of manie 1000. soules, so let his owne soule bee saued in the day of thy Sonne Christ. Bleese his Maiesties most honorable priuie Counsellors, and giue such good successe vnto all their counsels, and policies in matters of state, that wee may leade a quiet & peaceable life in all Godlinesse & honestie. Bleese all the Nobility, worke in them a care to glorifie thy name in their places, make them faithfull to thee, and faithfull to the Land. Direct with thy good spirite all such as beare the sworde of Iustice, that they may drawe it out to punish the wicked, and to defende the Godly, and that they may with all good care and conscience discharge the dueties of their places. Increase the number of faithfull and zealous Ministers, in this church. Send thy Gospell to those places where it is not, and bleese it where it is. Remember them in thy mercy O Lorde, that are vnder anie crosse or affliction whatsoeuer: bee comfortable vnto them, heale vp their wounds, binde vp their sores, put al their teares into thy bottle, and make their bedde in al their sorrowes, and put such a good ende to all their troubles, that they may redounde to thy glory, and the furtherance of their owne saluation. In the mine time giue

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them patience and constancie to beare whatsoeuer it shal please thy merciful hand to lay vpon them. Last of all, in a word, wee pray thee bless magistracie, ministerie, & commonaltie. Bless al thy people: doe good to al that are true and vpright in their hearts. And so (deare Father) we doe commit, and commend our selues, our soules and bodies into thy hands, for this day, and the rest of our life, praying thee to take care and charge of vs: keepe vs from al euil, watch ouer vs for our good, let thine Angels encampe about vs, let thy holy hand be ouer vs, and keepe vs in all our waies, that wee may liue to thy praise and glory here in earth, keeping faith and a good conscience in all our actions; that after this life wee may be crowned of thee, for euer in thy kingdome. Graunt these things (good Father) to vs here present, & to all thine absent: praying thee in special fauour to remember our friends, & kinsfolkes in the flesh, all our good neighbours, and wellwillers, and all those for whom wee are bound to pray by nature, by deserts, or any duetie whatsoeuer, for Jesus Christs sake our onely mediator. To whom with thee, and the holy Ghost, bee giuen all praise and glory, both now, and for euermore. Amen.

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¶ An Euening Prayer, to be vſed in *priuate familes.*

O Eternal God, and our moſt louing, and deare Father, we thy vnworthy children doe here fal down at the ſote of thy great Maieſtie, acknowledging frō our harts, that we are altogether vnworthy to come nére thée or to looke towards thée: becauſe thou art a God of infinite glory, and we are moſt vile, and abhominable ſinners, ſuch as were conceiued, & borne in ſinne and corruption, ſuch as haue inherited our fathers corruptions, and alſo haue actually tranſgreſſed all thy holy ſtatues, & lawes, both in thought, wordes, and déedes, before we knew thée: and ſince, ſecretly and openly, with our ſelues, and with others, our particular ſins are moe then can be numbred: for who knoweth how often he offendeth? But this we muſt néeds confeſſe againſt our ſelues, that our harts are ful of pride, couetouſneſſe, and the loue of this world, ful of wrath, anger, and impatiencie, ful of lying, diſſembling, and deceiuing,

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ful of vanitie, hardnesse, and prophanenesse, ful of infidelitie, distrust, and selfe-loue, ful of lust, vncleannesse, and al abhominable desires: yea our harts are the very sinkes of sinne, and dunghils of al filthinesse. And besides al this, wee doe omit the good things we should do: for there are in vs great wants of faith, of loue, of zeale, of patience, of contentment, and of euery good grace: so as thou hast iust cause to proceede to sentence of iudgement against vs, as most damnable transgressors of all thy holy commandements: yea such as are sunke in our rebellions, & haue many times & often committed high treason against thy maiestie, and therfore thou maist iustly cast vs all downe into hel fire, there to bee tormented with Sathan, & his Angels for euer. And wee haue nothing to except against thy maiestie for so doing: sith therein thou shouldest deale with vs but according to equitie, and our iust deserts. Wherfore deere Father, we doe appeale from thy iustice to thy mercie, most humbly intreating thee to haue mercie vpon vs, and freely to forgiue vs all our sinnes past whatsoeuer, both newe, and old, secret, & open, knowne and vnknowne, and that for Iesus Christs sake our onely mediator. And we prayt hee touch our hearts with true griefe, & vnfained repentance for them, that they may be a matter of continual sorrow, and hart-smart vnto vs, so as nothing

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may grieue vs more then this, that wee haue offended thee being our speciall friend and Father. Giue vs therefore (deare Father) euery day more and more sight & feeling of our sinnes, with true humiliation vnder the same. Giue vs also that true and liuely faith, whereby wee may lay sure holde on thy Sonne Christ, and all his merits, applying the same to our owne soules; so as wee may stand fully perswaded that whatsoeuer he hath done vpon the crosse, he hath done for vs particularly, as well as for others. Giue vs faith (good Father) constantly to beleeue all the sweete promises of the Gospel, touching remission of sinne, & eternall life, made in thy Sonne Christ. O Lord increase our faith that we may altogither rest vpon thy promises which are all yea, and Amen. Yea, that wee may settle our selues, and al that wee haue whollie vpon them, both our soules, bodies, goods name, wiues, children, and our whole estate, knowing that all things depend vpon thy promises, power, and prouidence, and that thy word doth support, and beare vp the whole power of nature. Moreouer, wee intreate thee O Lord, to strengthen vs from aboue, to walke inwardly good way, and to bring forth the fruits of true faith in all our particular actions, studying to please thee in all things, and to bee fruitfull in good workes, that wee may shew forth vnto all men by our good con-

nersation whole children wee are: and that we may adorne and beautifie our most holy profession by walking in a Christian course, and in all the sound fruites, and practise of godlinesse, and true Religion. To this ende, we pray thee sanctifie our hearts by thy spirit, yet more, and more sanctifie our soules and bodies, and al our corrupt naturall faculties, as reason, understanding, will, and affections, so as they may be fitted for thy worship, and service, taking a delight and pleasure therein. Stirre vs vp to the prayer, watchfulnesse, reading, and meditation in thy law, and al other good meanes whereby we may profit in grace & goodnes from day to day. Blesse vs in the vse of the meanes, ỹ we may daily die to sin, & live to righteousnes: drawe vs yet nearer vnto thee: helpe vs against our manifold wants. Amend our great imperfections, renew vs inwardly more & more, repaire the ruines of our hearts, aide vs against the remnants of sin. Enlarge our hearts to run the way of thy commandements, direct al our steps in thy word, let none iniquitie have dominion ouer vs. Assist vs against our special infirmities, & master-sinnes, that we may get the victorie over them al, to thy glory, and the great peace & comfort of our owne consciences. Strengthen vs good father by thy grace, & holy spirit, against the common corruptions of ỹ time, as pride, wherevnto, covetous-

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nes, contempt of thy gospel, swearing, lying, dissembling, & deceiving. O deere father, let vs not be ouercome of these filthy vices, nor any other sinfull pleasures, and fond delights, wherewith thousands are carried headlong to destruction. Arme our soules against all the temptations of this world, the flesh, & the deuil; ỹ we may ouercome them all through thy helpe, & keepe on the right way to life, ỹ we may liue in thy feare, and die in thy fauor, that our last daies may be our best daies, & that we may end in great peace of cõscience. Furthermore, deere father, we intreat thee not onely for our selues, but for all our good brethren thy deare children scattered ouer the face of the whole earth, most humbly beseeching thee to blesse them all, to cheere them vp, & glad them with the ioy of thy countenance, both now and alwaies. Guide them all in thy feare, and keepe them from euil, that they may praise thy name. In these dangerous daies, and declining times, we pray thee, O Lord, raise vp nursing fathers, and nursing mothers, vnto thy Church. Raise vp also faithful Pastors, that thy cause may be carried forward, truth may preuaile, Religion may prosper, thy Name onely may be set vp in the earth, thy Sonnes kingdome aduanced, and thy will accomplished. Set thy seale against all aduersary power, specially that of Rome, Antichrist, Idolatry, and Atheisme;

curse and trolle all their counsels, frustrate their bowles, scatter their forces, overthrowe their armies. When they are most wise, let them be most fooles. When they are most strong, let them be most weake. Let them know that there is no wisdome nor counsel, power nor policy against thee the Lord of hostes. Let them knowe that Israell haly a God, and that thou which art called Jehouah art the onlie ruler over all the world. Arise therefore O most mightie God, and maintaine thine owne cause against all thine enemies, smite through all their loynes, and bow downe their backs, yea let them al be confounded, and turned backward that beare ill will unto Sion. Let the patient abiding of the righteous be nye: and let the wicked be disappointed of their hope. But of all favour, we intreat thee O Lord to showe speciall mercy to thy Church in this land wherein we live. Continue thy Gospell amongst us yet with greater sucesse, purge thy house daily more and more, take away all things that offend. Let this Nation albe a place where thy name may be called upon, and an harbour for thy Saints. Shew mercie to our posterity deare Father and have care of them, that thy Gospell may be left unto them as a most holy inheritance. Defend us against forreine invasion, keepe out Idolatrie, and Popery from amongst us. Turne from us

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those plagues which our sinnes crie for. For the sinnes of this Land are exceeding great, horrible, and outragious, and give thee iust cause to make vs spectacles of thy vengeance to all Nations: that by how much y more thou hast lifted vs vp in great mercy, and long peace, by so much the more thou shouldest presse vs downe in great wrath and long warre. Therefore deare Father, we most humbly intreate thee for thy great names sake, and for thy infinite mercies sake, that thou wouldest be reconciled to this Land, and discharge it of all the horrible sinnes thereof. Drowne them O Lord in thy infinite mercy through Christ, as it were in a bottomlesse guise, that they may never rise vp in iudgement against vs. For although our sinnes be exceeding many, and fearefull, yet thy mercie is farre greater. For thou art infinite in mercie: but we cannot be infinite in sinning. Give vs not over into the hands of the Idolaters, least they should blaspheme thy name and say, Where is their God in whom they trusted; But rather deare Father take vs into thine owne hands, and correct vs according to thy wisedome: for with thee is mercie, and deepe compassion. Moreover we most hartily beseech thy good Maiesty to blesse our most gratious King *James*, and to shew much mercie to him

in all things. Guide him in thy feare, and keepe him in all his wayes, working in his soule vnfained sorrow for sinne, true faith in the promises, and a great care to please thee in all things, and to discharge the duties of his high place, in all zeale of thy glorie, and faithfulnesse towards thy Maiestie: that as thou hast crowned him heere in Earth, so hee (spending his dayes heere belowe in thy feare) may after this life, bee Crowned of thee for euer in the Heauens. We beseech thee also to blesse his Maiesties most honorable priuie Counsellors. Counsel them from aboue, let them take aduise of thee in all things: that they may both consult, and resolue of such courses as may bee most for thy glorie, the good of the Church, and the peace of this our Common-wealth. Blesse the Nobilitie, and all the Magistrates in the land, giuing them all grace to execute iudgement & Iustice, and to maintaine truth and equitie. Blesse all the faithfull ministers of the Gospell, increase the number of them, increase thy giftes in them: and so blesse all their labours in their seuerall places, and congregations, that they all maye bee instruments of thy hande to inlarge thy Sonnes Kingdome, and to winne many vnto thee. Comfort the comfortlesse with all needefull comforts. Forget none of thine that are in trouble: but as their afflictions are, so let

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the ioyes, and comforts of thy spirit bée vnto them: and so sanctifie vnto all thine, their afflictions, and troubles, that they may tend to thy glory, and their owne good. Giue vs thankeful hearts for all thy mercies, both spirituall and corporal: for thou art verie merciful vnto vs in the thinges of this life, and infinitely more merciful in the thinges of a better life. Let vs deepely ponder and weigh all thy particular fauours towardes vs: that by the due consideration thereof, our hearts may bee gained yet nearer vnto thée, and that therefore wée may both loue and obey thée, because thou art so kinde, and louing vnto vs: that euen thy loue towardes vs, may drawe our loue towardes thée, and that because mercie is with thée, thou maiſt bée feared. Grant these thinges good Father, and all other néedefull graces for our soules, or bodies, or any of thine throughout the whole world, for Iesus Christs sake. In whose name wé further call vpon thée as he hath taught vs in his Gospell, saying; Our father which art in Heauen, &c.

¶ A prayer to be vſed at any time, *by one alone priuately.*

O Lord my God, and heauenly Father, I thy moſt vnworthy childe, doe heere in thy ſight freely confeſſe that I am a moſt ſinfull creature, and damnable tranſgreſſor of all thy holy lawes and commaundements: that as I was borne and bred in ſin, and ſtained in the wombe, ſo haue I continuallie brought forth the corrupt and vgly fruits of that infection, and contagion, wherin I was firſt conceiued, both in thoughts, words, and workes. If I ſhould goe about to reckon vp my particular offences. I know not where to begin, or where to make an end. For they are mo then the haires of my head, yea farre moe then I can poſſiblie tell or knowe. For who knoweth the height, and depth of his corruption? who knoweth how oft hee offendeth? Thou onely O Lord knoweſt my ſins, who knoweſt my heart: nothing is hid from thee, thou knoweſt what I haue beene, and what I am; yea my conſcience doth accuſe mee of many & grieuous euils, and I doe daylie feele by woful experience how frail I am, how prone to euill, and how vnfoward to all goodneſſe. My minde is ful of vanitie, my heart full of prophanes, mine affections full of deadneſſe, dulneſſe & drowzineſſe in matters of thy worſhip & ſeruice. Yea, my whole ſoule is full of ſpirituall blindeneſſe,

nesse, hardnesse, unprofitablenesse, coldnesse, and securitie. And in very deed I am altogither a lumpe of sin, & a masse of al miserie: & therefore I haue forfaited thy fauour. and incurred thy high displeasure, and haue giuen thée iust cause to frowne vpon me, to giue me ouer, and leaue me to mine owne corrupt wil & affections. But (O my deare father) I haue learned frō thy mouth, ý thou art a God ful of mercy, slow to wrath, & of great compassion, and kindnesse, towards al such as grone vnder the burden of their sins. Therefore extend thy great mercy towards me poore sinner, and giue me a general pardon for all mine offences whatsoeuer: seale it in the bloud of thy son, and seale it to my conscience by thy spirit, assuring me more and more of thy loue and fauour towards me, and that thou art a reconciled father vnto me. Grant that I may, in all time to come loue thée much, because much is giuen, and of very loue feare thée, and obey thée. O Lord increase my faith, that I may stedfastly beléeue all the promises of the Gospel made in thy son Christ & rest vpon them altogether. Enable me to bring forth the sound fruits of faith and repentance in all my particular actions. Fill my soule full of ioy, and peace in beléeuing. Fill me full of inward comfort and spiritual strength against al temptations: giue mee yet a greater féeling of thy loue & ma-

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nifold mercies towardes me, worke in my soule a lone of thy Maiestie, a zeale of thy glorie, an hatred of evil, and a desire of al good things. Giue me victory ouer those sins which thou knowest are strongest in me. Let me once at last make a conquest of the world, & the flesh, Mortifie in me whatsoeuer is carnal, sanctifie mee throughout by thy spirit, knit my heart to thée for euer that I may feare thy name, renue in mée the image of thy sonne Christ daily more and more. Giue me a delight in the reading and meditation of thy word. Let mée reioyce in the publike ministerie thereof. Let me lone and reuerence all the faithful Ministers of thy Gospel. Sanctifie their doctrines to my conscience, seale them in my soule, write them in my hart, giue me a soft and melting heart, that I may tremble at thy words, and be alwaies much affected with godly sermons. Let not my sins hold backe thy mercies from me, nor mine vnworthines stop the passage of thy grace. Open mine eies to see the great wonders of thy law. Reueale thy secrets vnto me: be open hearted towards me thy vnworthy seruant. Hide nothing from me that may make for thy glorie, and the good of my soule. Blesse all meanes vnto mée which thou vsest for my good. Blesse all holy instructions vnto my soule. Blesse me at all times, both in hearing and reading thy word. Giue me the right vse of all thy

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mercies, & corrections, that I may bee the better for them. Let mée abounde in loue to thy children. Let my heart bee very néerely knit vnto them, that where thou louest most, there I may loue most also. Let me watch & pray, that I enter not into temptation: giue me patience & contentment in all things. Let mee loue thée more & more, and the world lesse & lesse. So draw my minde vpward, that I may despise al transitorie things. Let me be so rapt and rauished with the sight and féeling of heauenly things, that I may make a base reckoning of all earthly things. Let me vse this world, as though I vsed it not. Let me vse it but for necessitie, as meate and drinke. Let mee not bee carried away with the vaine pleasures and fond delights thereof. God Father worke thy good worke in mée, and neuer leaue me, nor forsake mee, til thou hast brought me to true happinesse. Oh deare Father, make me faithfull in my calling, that I may serue thée in it, and be alwayes carefull to do what good I may in any thing. Blesse mee in my outward estate. Blesse my soule, body, goods, and name. Blesse all ỳ belongeth vnto me. Blesse my goings out, & commings in. Let thy countenãce be lifted vp vpon me, now & alwaies: cheare me vp wᵭ the ioyes and comforts of thy spirit: make me thãkful for al thy mercies. For I must néeds cõfesse ỳ thou art very kinde vnto me in al things,

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For in thee I live, moue and haue my being: of thee I haue my welfare and good being, thou art a daily friend, and special good Benefactor vnto me. I liue at thy cost & charges. I hold all of thee in Chiefe, and I finde that thou art neuer weary of doing me good: thy goodnes towards me is vnsearchable. Oh I can neuer be thankfull enough vnto thee for all thy mercies, both spirituall & corporall. But in such measure as I am able, I praise thy name for all, beseeching thee to accept of my thankesgiuing, in thy sonne Christ, & to giue mee a profitable vse of all thy fauours, that thereby my heart may be fully drawne vnto thee: giue me O Father to be of such a good nature, and disposition, that I may be wonne by gentlenesse, & faire meanes, as much as if thou gauest me many lashes. Pardon all mine vnthankfulnes, vnkindnes, & great abusing of thy mercies, & giue me grace to vse them more to thy glory in all time to come. Strengthen me deare Father thus to continue praising & glorifying thy name heere vpon the earth; that after this life I may bee crowned of thee for-euer in thy kingdome. Graunt these petitions most mercifull God, not onely to mee, but to all thy deere children, throughout the whole world, for Iesus Christs sake: in whose name I doe further call vpon thee, saying as hee hath taught me; O our Father which art in Heauen, &c.

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